

Bowser Buys a Parrot

By M. QUAD

JUST as Mr. Bowser reached his gate the other evening as he came up to dinner a man, whose appearance was very much against him and who was carrying a parrot in a cage, came along and said:

"Mister, I am going to appeal to you."
"It's no use," replied Mr. Bowser. "I've been appealed to too often by your class."
"My class!" exclaimed the man, as he drew himself up with dignity. "You don't take me for an old bun, do you?"
"You have every sign of it from hat to shoes."

"But let me tell you, sir, that you are mistaken. I know my appearance is against me, but I have been out of work and have had a mighty hard time of it. I have lost my wife and two children within the last three months and I have been very ill myself. I wasn't going to ask you for food nor strike you for money. I was simply going to appeal to you in a sentimental way."

"Well, let's hear it, but cut it as short as you can."
"It's about this parrot, sir," said the man as he held up the cage. "She was the property of my wife, and there was a bond of love between them beautiful to me. Polly never cared much about me or the children, but she did love my wife as only parrots can love."
"And what of it?" was asked.

"Just this, mister. I want you to buy her and give her a good home. That's why I haven't committed suicide long ago—I wanted to sell Polly to some one who would be kind to her. Your face certainly shows me that you have a kind and generous heart. Polly is worth \$25 of any man's money, but you shall have her for a five dollar bill."

Mr. Bowser shook his head.
"Well, gimme four—three. Take her for \$2, mister, and give her a home. When the \$2 is gone, if I have not found work yet, the river shall be my shroud and coffin."

Mr. Bowser had his doubts, but he reached down in his pockets and brought up a couple of one dollar bills.
"May heaven bless you, my good man!" exclaimed the unfortunate as he handed over the cage and received the money. "You will surely be rewarded for this. Goodbye, old bird!"

When Mr. Bowser entered the hall with the cage in his hand Mrs. Bowser was ready to remark:
"What on earth did you do that for? We never had a parrot and never wanted one. She is the biggest nuisance you could have brought into the house."

"Mrs. Bowser, this is a case that appeals to humanity. That man that I was talking with is out of work and half sick. He has lost his wife and two children by hunger and illness. The parrot and his wife loved each other, and he wanted to see the bird get a good home. I bought her for sentimental reasons."

He placed the cage on the floor and went to dinner, and about every two minutes during the meal Polly could be heard screaming and using swear words. Just after she had blasted the eyes of the late owner and the present owner there was a ring at the bell. Mr. Bowser himself opened the door, and there stood a woman. There was no smile on her face as she asked:

"Did a man come along here awhile ago with a parrot in a cage?"
"Why—why, a man did," stammered Mr. Bowser.
"Don't try to lie to me, sir," blazed the woman. "You were seen talking to him over the gate—the miserable thief of a bum! You talked with him for a spell and then bought the parrot! If you deny that you did I will have a policeman here in a jiffy!"

"Did you have a parrot stolen from you?" asked Mr. Bowser.
"Ain't I sayin' that I did?" half screamed the woman as she forced her way into the hall. "The thief was an old bum, sir. I had Polly hanging out in the sun, and the miserable thief came along and carried her off in her cage. You were seen to bring her in this house, sir, and I'll have her if I have to tear it down."

"Softly, softly, woman! There is no use in all this screaming. A man did come along and want to sell me a parrot. He said it used to belong to his dead wife. His story touched my heart. I bought the bird. You shall have your property back. Go down to the basement door." In the next three minutes Polly was being borne away, and her farewell to the Bowser family was "—".

When Bowser came upstairs he avoided looking at Mrs. Bowser. He hoped she intended to let him off easy, but after a silence of two or three minutes she remarked:

"My advice to you is that next time a man comes along and tells you a story that touches your heart you keep your money in your pocket until you get into the house and then give it to me to buy gloves or stockings with."

And Mr. Bowser pretended not to have heard a word of it.
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Expert Opinion

WHILE preparing a series of articles on "Wives of Men of Genius" we called on the wife of a famous inventor.

"Which of your husband's inventions," we asked, "do you consider to be his most notable achievement?"

"Most people," she replied, "look upon his X ray washing machine as the marvel of the age, but to my mind it doesn't compare with the excuse he made me the night he came home at 4 a. m. with a black eye and one of his coat tails missing. He said he'd been sitting up with a delirious friend."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

HOW THEY CHANGE

SHE always addressed him as Mr. Until he took courage and Mr. But now that they're wed, Like a brute he has said, That he wishes to goodness he'd Mr.

BIBLE STUDY for High School Credit

By Mrs. C. F. Menninger.

LESSON 25.

Part IX. The Forty Days. From the Resurrection until the Ascension.

Oral Review.
1. Give one word expressing the leading thought for each day of Passion week.
2. Which was His last day in the temple?
3. Which the last day with the disciples?
4. In what connection were His last discourses given?

5. Who records them?
6. To what day belongs the last judgment discourse?
7. What two days are silent days?
8. Who arrested Jesus and where?
9. By what bodies was He held for trial?
10. What event closes the Passion week record?

Event 143. Resurrection morning.
144. The report of the watch.
145. The walk to Emmaus.
146. The appearance to the disciples in Jerusalem. Thomas being absent.
147. The appearance to Thomas with the other disciples.

148. The appearance to seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee.
149. The appearance to the eleven on a mountain in Galilee.
150. Christ's final appearance and His ascension.

Mr. 28. Lu. 24. John 20.
151. The conclusion of John's gospel, chapter 21.
152. What are the prophecies in Psalms 16:10? Isaiah 26:19.
153. What supernatural event occurred at the Resurrection?
154. How was the tomb opened?
155. Who came first to the empty open tomb?

156. Tell the things about the resurrection body?
157. What was the report of the watch?
158. How and to whom did He reveal Himself at Emmaus?

159. To whom did He reveal Himself in Jerusalem?
160. What circumstances are connected with His appearance at the Sea of Galilee?
161. What work was committed to Peter?
162. Where did Jesus meet the disciples by appointment?
163. What did Jesus declare concerning Himself?
164. What commission did He give to His disciples?
165. What were they to do before starting?
166. What were they to be for Him?
167. What were His last words to them?
168. From where did He leave them?
169. What two things did He do before ascending into heaven?
20. When and how was He taken from them?
21. What was the promise of the angels?
22. What did the disciples do after Jesus left them?
23. Where in the Bible do we find the story continued?

Note.
The Forty Days are not so fully given as the events of Passion week, but it is important because it outlines the future work of the apostles. The Resurrection, taken in connection with the death upon the cross, is the central and conspicuous fact of the Christian religion. The apostles made more of it than of any other fact in the gospel history. They gave their lives in connection with it, and it is the foundation of the Christian faith.

The time is Sunday, April 9th, to Thursday, May 18, A. D. 30.
1. Corinthians, chapter 11, supplements the gospels on the Lord's Supper, chapter 23. His communion, chapter 15.
2. The time is Sunday, April 9th, to Thursday, May 18, A. D. 30.
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The appearances of Christ after the resurrection.
1. To Mary Magdalene.
2. To the women returning from the sepulchre.
3. To Peter.
4. To two disciples going to Emmaus.
5. To the apostles excepting Thomas.

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pastor. Morning sermon subject, "Proper Observance of the Sabbath." Evening, "What Constitutes Sin."

First Baptist church, Robert Gordon, pastor. Morning sermon subject, "Character-Building and the Bible." Evening, "Billy Sunday, Shakespeare and the Scriptures."

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hinton and Polk streets, services temporarily in the Washburn college chapel. Morning, lesson sermon subject, "Adam and Fallen Man." Testimony and experience meeting Thursday evening. Sunday school and Sunday evening service omitted.

First Christian church, 622 Topeka avenue, O. L. Cook, minister—Membership rally service at 10:45 o'clock. Sermon subject, "America's Opportunity." Evening, "Enemies of the Church."

Third Christian church, Third and Lake streets, H. James Crockett, pastor—Morning service at 10:45 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Seeing Only What Is Near." Evening, "Is Topeka Too Good to Need Billy?"

Second Baptist church, Third and Quincy streets—Morning service conducted by the Rev. William R. Carter, who will administer communion.

Second Presbyterian church, North Jackson and Gordon streets, Joseph P. Hicks, pastor—Morning sermon subject, "The Witness of the Holy Spirit." In the evening the Rev. H. A. Maynard, missionary at Bitlis, Turkey, will present a stereoscopic lecture on the far east.

Walnut Grove Methodist church, Sixteenth and Harrison streets, E. W. Spencer, pastor—Morning sermon subject, "The Sincerity of Jesus." Evening, "Billy Sunday and His Work."

HUNTING FOR HUNTER

His Pass to Colorado Still Awaits Him at the City Hall.

About two weeks ago George Hunter was picked up on the street by city health officials for soliciting alms from residents in the western part of the city. He was taken to the office of the visiting nurses' association and there examined by the city health officer, who pronounced him a consumptive. He was warned not to go about the city, thereby subjecting citizens to the disease, and to report to the health officer every morning until he left the city. This he promised to do and was released.

Kind hearted people around the city hall interested themselves in his behalf and Governor Capper succeeded in getting him transportation to Colorado, where he said he wished to go.

Hunter finally was ordered to leave his lodgings, which he did, and his pass to Colorado still remains in a drawer in the office of the health department and they are wondering where Hunter has gone.

Inquiry at his former boarding place elicited the information that he has gone to Kansas City, and the information given out by the health department is that the pass will be returned to the Santa Fe.

Charity stock has taken a tumble around the city hall on account of Hunter's ungrateful actions.

KOUNS GOES EAST

Will Attend a Meeting of the Railways Committee.

C. W. Kouns, general manager of the eastern lines of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway left Friday morning for New York City, where he will attend a preliminary meeting of the committee that will represent the railways of the United States in a general conference over the demands of engineers and trainmen for an eight-hour day. The preliminary meeting will open Monday.

Election of chairman for the committee of which Mr. Kouns is a member is slated to come up at the New York meeting. At the preliminary conference, the committee also will agree on the stand that will be taken by the railroads in the general conference scheduled to open June 1.

The committee, composed of seventeen railway officials and a committee of seventeen from the four brotherhoods back of the eight-hour day movement, will make up the personnel of the general conference.

Many War Prisoners.
London, May 6.—Figures on the numbers of British colonial troops who are prisoners in the hands of the various belligerents became available today. According to these figures they total 37,047. The Germans holding 26,800 such prisoners, the Turks 9,796, the Bulgarians 149 and the Austrians only two.

War Doubles Telegraph Business.
The Hague, Netherlands, May 6.—The war has produced a large increase in both inland and foreign telegraphic traffic. Government telegrams alone in the past year numbered 564,537, or 360,000 more than are sent in a normal year, testifying to the great diplomatic activity which has been involved.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS

From the lowest depths, there is a path to the loftiest height.—Caryl.

Trust in nothing but in Providence and your own efforts; never separate the two.—Dickens.

Don't sit in the corner grieving For the praise you are denied; Take new hope and be achieving What shall bring you future pride.

—S. E. Kiser.

The doing evil to avoid an evil Cannot be good.

—Coleridge.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful.

—Col. 3:15.

I thank Thee that I learn Not toil to spurn; With all beneath the sun It makes me one— For tears, whereby I gain Kinship with human pain; For Love, my comrade by the dusty ways, I give Thee praise.

—Emily Read Jones.

Make up your mind what you want and then go after it, and keep after it until you get it.—John W. Gates.



CHIEF AND CUPID

Harvey Parsons Won't Bother Lovers of the Right Sort.

Topeka Parks Will Be Open to Moonlight Favorites.

GOPS WILL LOOK AND SMILE

Nothing Gruff About the Men Who Cover These Beats.

It's Just Parsons's New Way of Proving Human Nature.

And now comes Chief of Police Harvey Parsons to the fore with a promise of protection for spooners.

Topeka police have been instructed that their duties